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Applicant: O'Hagan et al.

Serial No.: 09/581,772

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Title: MICROPARTICLES WITH ADSORBENT SURFACES, METHODS OF
MAKING SAME, AND USES THEREOF

Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Zachariah Lucas

Docket No.: PP01388.202

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a one (1) month
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Prior Art Rejections

All prior art rejections have been withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that pending claims 1, 3-5, 9-16, 43, 45-47, 56-58, 69-73, and 77-105 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (703) 433-0510 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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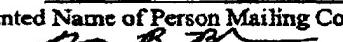
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